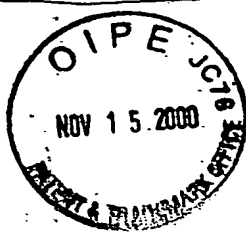


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In re Patent Application of) PATENT APPLICATION
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Serial No.: 09/003,423) Group No.: 3739
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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLED)
CONTRACTION OF)
COLLAGEN TISSUE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as indicated below.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Title:

Please delete the title and insert -METHOD FOR SMOOTHENING WRINKLED SKIN BY
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF COLLAGEN TISSUE BENEATH THE SKIN SURFACE--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-3, 7-10, 22-52 and 61-69.
Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of treating a skin surface with a wrinkle, the skin surface overlying a collagen containing tissue, comprising:
- identifying a person [suspected of] having a skin surface with a wrinkle;
 - providing an energy source with an energy delivery surface;
 - positioning the energy delivery surface in contact with the skin surface;

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